

January 21, 2013

Re: Proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been following news of this proposed project, and am writing to you as a concerned citizen who lives in the area that will be affected by additional train traffic. In my small community of Stanwood / Camano Island WA, we recently were pleased that Amtrak started stopping here, and that we are now able to ride to points north and south via this mass transit vehicle. I respectfully request that the EIS include the effects these additional coal trains will have on the ability of Amtrak to expand, and that the EIS include all communities and tracks affected between the proposed Cherry Point facility and the coal loading area in Wyoming.

I am concerned that federal funds ear-marked for high-speed intercity passenger rail will be used instead on rail lines that are primarily used for coal trains. Please address the \$800 million in "Passenger Rail Funds" in the EIS, so that we know it will be used in the manner it was intended.

It is common that costs of rail crossing improvements are passed almost completely, to local communities, yet there is no economic reward to the cities where these trains pass through, like my hometown of Stanwood. I respectfully submit that the EIS include the costs of such improvements to the communities between the Cherry Point facility and the coal loading area in Wyoming.

Lastly, I ask that the EIS include the monetary cost to our nation, when we sell resources, in this case U.S. government owned coal for less than \$1 a ton to companies that will resell it for 100 times that amount.

Sincerely,

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